

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE**, on January 8, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Organizational meeting

00:02:59 Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst in the Legislative Fiscal Division, discussed Montana state government fund structure, the 2011 biennium budget, and the 2009 and 2011 biennium outlook.

00:13:08 Rep. McAlpin  
00:13:18 Mr. Johnson  
00:14:23 Rep. Hamilton  
00:14:33 Mr. Johnson  
00:15:35 Rep. Cohenour  
00:15:56 Mr. Johnson  
00:16:15 Rep. Butcher  
00:16:54 Mr. Johnson

00:17:31 Mr. Johnson explained Montana's revenue estimate process.

00:23:45 Rep. Hoven  
00:23:56 Mr. Johnson  
00:24:48 Rep. Barrett  
00:24:57 Mr. Johnson  
00:25:18 Rep. Hoven  
00:25:33 Mr. Johnson  
00:35:17 Rep. Cohenour  
00:35:28 Mr. Johnson  
00:37:16 Rep. Barrett  
00:37:59 Mr. Johnson  
00:41:00 Rep. McAlpin  
00:41:19 Mr. Johnson  
00:43:24 Rep. Wiseman  
00:44:07 Terry Johnson  
00:45:02 Rep. Wiseman  
00:45:31 Mr. Johnson  
00:45:45 Rep. Barrett  
00:47:13 Rep. Jopek  
00:47:41 Mr. Johnson  
00:48:16 Rep. Hoven  
00:48:53 Mr. Johnson  
00:51:06 Rep. Hoven  
00:51:17 Mr. Johnson  
00:51:31 Rep. Butcher  
00:53:11 Mr. Johnson  
00:54:07 Rep. Wiseman  
00:54:30 Mr. Johnson

00:55:24 Mr. Johnson narrated Power Point presentation on biennium budget information.

**EXHIBIT** (tah04b01)

01:01:24 Rep. Hoven  
01:01:35 Mr. Johnson  
01:05:38 Rep. Cohenour  
01:05:50 Mr. Johnson  
01:07:41 Rep. Butcher  
01:08:09 Mr. Johnson  
01:08:39 Rep. Taylor  
01:08:49 Terry Johnson  
01:09:04 Roger Lloyd  
01:09:49 Rep. Taylor  
01:10:03 Roger Lloyd, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Branch  
01:10:25 Rep. Stahl  
01:12:37 Mr. Johnson  
01:18:26 Rep. Miller  
01:18:34 Mr. Johnson  
01:19:17 Rep. Miller  
01:19:23 Mr. Johnson  
01:19:45 Rep. McAlpin  
01:19:51 Mr. Johnson  
01:20:57 Rep. Hoven  
01:21:13 Mr. Johnson  
01:21:53 Rep. Hoven  
01:22:14 Mr. Johnson  
01:28:20 Rep. Butcher  
01:28:45 Mr. Johnson  
01:38:06 Rep. Butcher  
01:38:25 Mr. Johnson  
01:40:53 Chairman Lake  
01:41:04 Mr. Johnson  
01:44:09 Rep. Hoven  
01:44:20 Mr. Johnson

01:44:48 Break

01:54:12 Reconvene

01:55:16 Dallas Reese, Management Analyst, the Department of Revenue (DOR), introduced his replacements, Darci Weibe, E-Services Unit Manager, and Micah Christiansen, Corporation Tax Auditor, as the department employees who will regularly attend House Taxation Committee meetings.

01:57:00 Randy Wilke, Bureau Chief, Property Assessment Division, DOR, described the department's property tax assessment functions.

**EXHIBIT** (tah04b02) DOR PAD Regions

[EXHIBIT \(tah04b03\)](#) DOR Property Assessment Terms & Acronyms  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b04\)](#) Property Tax Bill Calculation  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b05\)](#) History of Agricultural Land Taxation in Montana  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b06\)](#) Individual Tax Assessment Form for Agricultural  
and Forest Land  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b07\)](#) Land Ownership Valuation Decision Flow Chart  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b08\)](#) Power Point -- Website Addresses, Cadastral Site  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b09\)](#) Types of Property Tax Exemptions and  
Qualification Requirements  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b10\)](#) Forest Land History  
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b11\)](#) Business Property Incentives and Exemptions

02:10:29 Rep. Wiseman  
02:10:49 Mr. Wilke  
02:17:02 Rep. Hoven  
02:17:11 Mr. Wilke  
02:24:19 Rep. Wiseman  
02:24:38 Mr. Wilke  
02:24:52 Rep. Taylor  
02:25:15 Mr. Wilke  
02:25:47 Chairman Lake  
02:25:53 Rep. Barrett  
02:26:25 Mr. Wilke  
02:27:05 Rep. Barrett  
02:27:11 Mr. Wilke  
02:30:35 Rep. Butcher  
02:30:57 Mr. Wilke  
02:31:02 Rep. Butcher  
02:31:15 Mr. Wilke  
02:31:48 Rep. Butcher  
02:32:05 Mr. Wilke  
02:32:27 Rep. Butcher  
02:32:51 Mr. Wilke  
02:33:01 Rep. Butcher  
02:33:35 Mr. Wilke

02:36:57 Gene Walborn, Bureau chief, Business and Income Taxes  
Division, DOR, gave a presentation on centrally assessed property  
and the rail car tax.

[EXHIBIT \(tah04b12\)](#)

02:57:11 Rep. Ed Butcher  
02:57:49 Mr. Walborn  
02:59:23 Rep. Butcher  
02:59:38 Mr. Walborn  
02:59:45 Rep. Wiseman  
03:00:15 Mr. Walborn  
03:01:08 Rep. Barrett  
03:01:34 Mr. Walborn

03:02:14 Rep. Wiseman  
03:02:47 Mr. Walborn  
03:04:45 Rep. Wiseman  
03:05:01 Mr. Walborn  
03:06:38 Rep. Wiseman  
03:06:44 Mr. Walborn  
03:06:49 Rep. Butcher  
03:07:24 Mr. Walborn  
03:08:39 Rep. Butcher  
03:08:53 Mr. Walborn  
03:09:03 Rep. Taylor

03:09:37 C.A. Daw, Chief Legal Counsel, DOR, explained the appeal process for taxation assessments.

03:16:22 Karen Powell, Chairman, State Tax Appeal Board, explained the state tax appeal process.

[EXHIBIT](#) (tah04b13)

03:21:21 Debbie Jurcich, Program Specialist, Compliance Valuation, DOR, discussed personal property valuation.

03:25:47 Mary Craigle, Economist, Tax Policy and Research, DOR, [EXHIBIT](#) (tah04b14)

03:28:42 Chairman Lake said that Legislative Analyst Jim Standaert will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, followed by a continuation of DOR presentations.

Additional Document

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:30:34 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

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JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT** ([tah04bad.pdf](#))